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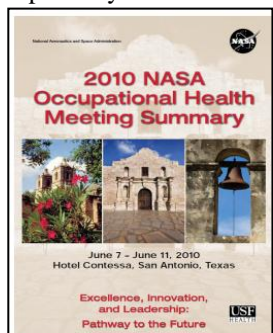
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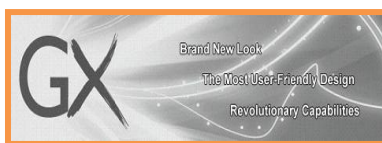
◆ NASA Health Physicists to Meet in April 2011:

The 4th triennial NASA Health Physics (HP) Meeting will be held at NASA Headquarters in Washington DC, April 19 – 21, 2011. OCHMO sponsors this important meeting every three years to provide Centers' radiation safety professionals the opportunity to share insights, network with peers, and discuss issues, requirements, and challenges. As with the previous three HP Meetings, the planned technical content is excellent. In addition to the NASA presentations, the agenda will include speakers from the NRC, DHS, OSHA, and the FAA. Onsite lectures are planned for both the NIST and NIH laboratories. Attendees will benefit from training that improves their skills, and provides continuing education credits for laser safety, radiation protection, and industrial hygiene. These important three days will have continuing education credits approved by the [American Board of Health Physics](#), [American Board of Industrial Hygiene](#) and the [Board of Laser Safety](#). The meeting website has all the information attendees will need to know and will open for registration on Friday January 7th.

◆ **Make Plans for Attending the 2011 NASA OH Meeting in Albuquerque, NM:** Plans are well underway for the 2011 NASA Occupational Health Meeting, which will be held at the [Albuquerque Marriott Hotel](#) July 11-15, 2011. We anticipate another successful meeting and hope that you have reserved travel dollars and reserved time on your calendar for this important annual training. As in the past, the OH meeting will also include discipline specific breakouts, and an opportunity to network with colleagues from other NASA Centers. The [Meeting Summary](#) from the 2010 NASA OH Meeting in San Antonio, TX has also recently been published. Contact [Gail Bantugan](#) for access information.



◆ **EHRS Update:** The configuration of Medgate GX for Medical and Industrial Hygiene has been completed. The development of the user documentation and the informal testing of the Medical Module is underway. Informal testing is being conducted on the Medgate GX application at SunGuard. Hardware for the system has arrived at the Kennedy Data Center (KDC) and the configuration is complete. The application was loaded by our Medgate system administrator and the formal system testing will begin in January. The EHRS Super User group will begin



meeting in January. A webinar will be held every Thursday from 11:30 am to 12:30 PM EST beginning on January 6. The purpose of the meetings is to familiarize the Super User's with Medgate GX, review the user documentation, discuss workflow changes, and provide us feedback on the system configuration. Finally in 2011 we look forward to the successful implementation of Medgate GX at several NASA Centers.

◆ **The 2011 NASA Safety Directors and Occupational Health Managers Meeting Returns to KSC:** The NASA 2011 Safety Directors and Occupational Health Managers Meeting will be held March 8 -11, 2011, at Kennedy Space Center, FL. Travel days are Monday, 3/7 and Friday, 3/11. Please forward your recommendations for topics and agenda to [Jon Mullin](#) (OSMA), and to [Cathy Angotti](#) (OH/OCHMO).

◆ **HealthierYou Update:** On December 14th, Kurt Hobbs, Mayo Clinic Strategic Consultant, discussed the 2010 Health Assessment data. If you are interested in the data for the purpose of programmatic development please contact Mae Hafizi. Please take some time to review the Action Plan for the HPW Team objectives 2011. The [2011 Health Calendar](#) author, designer, and editors would appreciate your feedback about the product. Please consider completing the [online evaluation](#) and encourage Center employees to take part in the process. Finally, you will receive monthly emails to update your Center data regarding the influenza vaccination campaign.



◆ **The CE and Certification Preparation Access Cards:** We offer two access cards to the nursing and other allied health staff for the purpose of preparing for a new certification or maintaining licensure through continuing education. If you are interested in receiving the [Unlimited CE Card](#) (Continuing Education) or the [Pearls Review Card](#) (Certification Preparation), please notify [Gail Bantugan](#). These cards are good for one year from the date of activation. Please, prior to requesting a card validate that your access card has been fully utilized.



◆ NASA OH Center Review Calendar:

- March 14-18, Stennis Space Center

◆ Upcoming OH ViTS & Webinars:

- EHRS Super User Webinar – Jan 6/13/20/27, 11:30-12:30 EST
- Health Physics ViTS – January 10, 11:00-12:00 EST
- EH ViTS – January 12, 11:00-12:00 EST
- EHRS Taskforce Webinar – January 13, 11:00-12:00 EST

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